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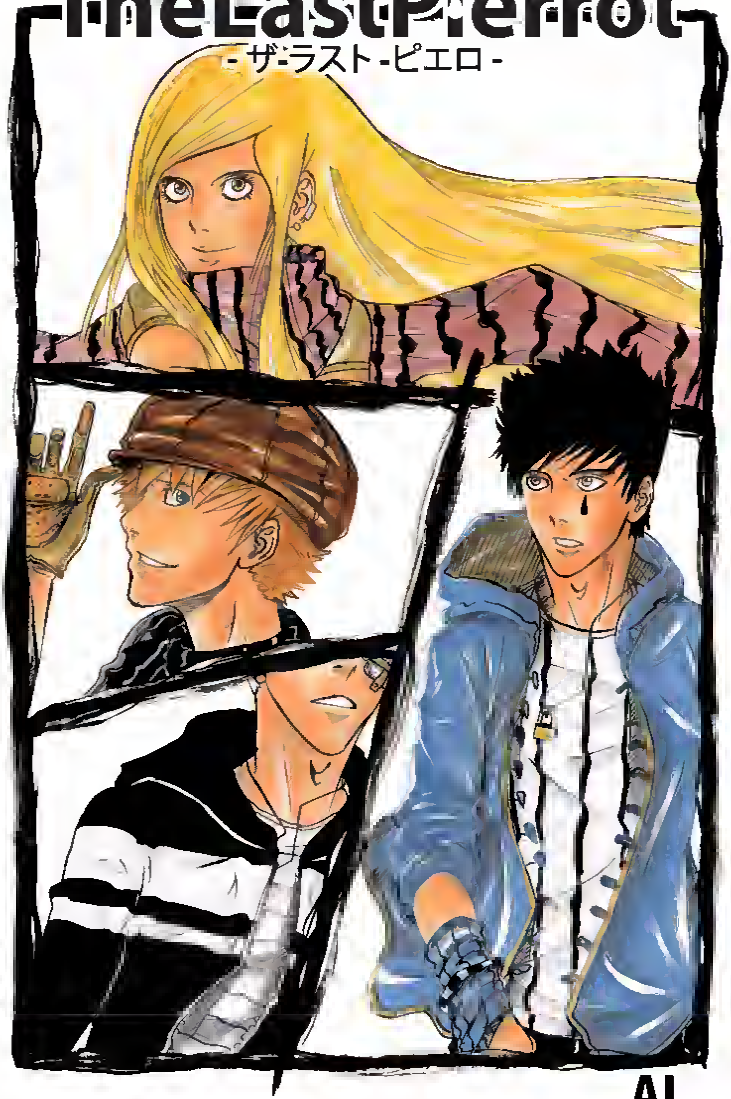

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MY NAME? WHO CARES? I'M A COMPLETELY NORMAL, BORING PERSON
I LIVE A NORMAL LIFE
MY WORLD IS THE SAME AS YOURS, NOTHING SPECIAL OR FANTASTIC ABOUT IT.

MY NAME ISN'T EVEN INTERESTING, IT'S A COMPLETELY NORMAL AND BORING NAME
SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT MY NAME?
YOU WOULD PROBABLY FORGET RIGHT AFTER I TELL YOU ANYWAY

... EVERYONE CALLS ME PIERROT

BUT ANYWAY
SIGH

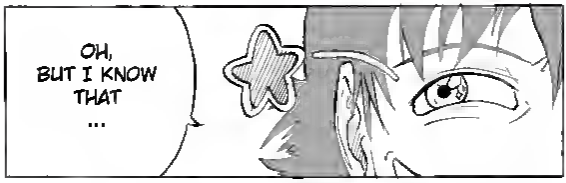
ANYWAY, I'M IN MY 3RD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. I WILL GRADUATE IN A MONTH AND GO TO UNIVERSITY.
EVERYONE CALLS ME THAT BECAUSE I WAS BORN WITH A TEAR SHAPED MOLE BELOW MY LEFT EYE.
GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL, GOING TO UNIVERSITY. I DIDN'T DECIDE ANY OF THAT.
IT FEELS LIKE I'M NOT DECIDING MY OWN FUTURE.
EVERYONE IS SO EXCITED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. APPARENTLY I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T.
I USED TO THINK MAYBE THESE WERE JUST CHILDISH THOUGHTS OF A TEENAGER.
IT'S ONLY WHAT OUR SOCIETY SAYS IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
AND THEN I'LL GET A CRAPPY JOB UNTIL THE END OF MY LIFE.

LIKE A CHILD THAT STOPS TO QUESTION THE WORLD AND JUST ACCEPTS IT THE WAY IT IS.
THEY SIMPLY ACCEPT IT THE WAY IT IS AND STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.
BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT LIKE ADULTS UNDERSTAND REALITY BETTER THAN A TEENAGER
SO I GUESS I'LL, EVENTUALLY, HAVE TO ACCEPT IT
BUT I CAN'T CHANGE THE WORLD
BUT FOR SOME REASON I CAN'T TURN OFF THESE THOUGHTS AND ACCEPT REALITY
LAST YEAR SOMEONE GAVE ME A PIERROT DOLL
I HOPE IT WON'T BE JOKES ABOUT THE PIERROT NICKNAME
ANYWAY, I'LL BE 18 YEARS OLD TODAY
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GIFTS I'LL RECEIVE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PIERROT!!
HEY, PIERROT !!!
DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO NOISY?
THIS IS KIND OF EMBARRASSING YOU KNOW?
THAT'S MY FRIEND GUIDO
DON'T THINK SO. I'M NOT A "PARTY GUY", BESIDES I HAVE A PART-TIME JOB.
ANYWAY, ARE YOU HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY OR SOMETHING?
NOT YET. I WAS BORN AT 20:15, IT'S ONLY 15:00. I WON'T BE 18 UNTIL THEN.
TO BE HONEST I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION
WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE DETAILS?

I LIKE TO FANTASIZE ABOUT TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD ON A QUAD BIKE.
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, I'M SAVING MONEY TO BUY A QUAD BIKE.
YEAH.
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO HAVE PEOPLE SING TO YOU "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".
ARE YOU STILL WORKING AT THAT CRAPPY STORE?
I KNOW IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM THOUGH
VISITING ALL KINDS OF PLACES AND MEETING ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.
AROUND 1920
SO, WHAT TIME DO YOU LEAVE YOUR PART-TIME JOB?

SO I'LL PROBABLY TURN 18 WHILE I'M ON AN UNDERGROUND TRAIN.
IT'LL BE AROUND AN HOUR UNTIL THE TRAIN REACHES THE STATION I GET OUT.
THEN I'LL HAVE TO CATCH THE UNDERGROUND TRAIN TO COME BACK HOME.
"MARILYN MONROE" STYLE!
JUST CALL ME THEN, I'LL SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU" WITH A SEXY VOICE
PRETTY LAME UH?
IF I WERE TO HEAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THAT WAY OVER THE PHONE I HOPE IT WOULDN'T BE YOU
THAT JUST GAVE ME CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE


OH,
BUT I KNOW
THAT
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OH,
THERE
SHE IS
...
HAZEL
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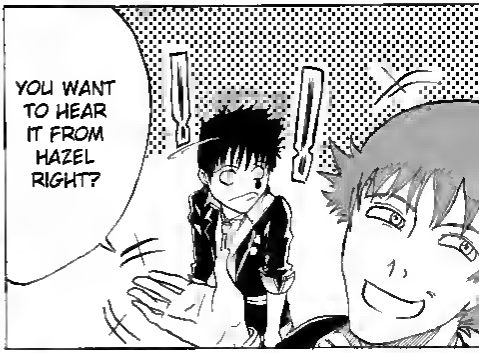
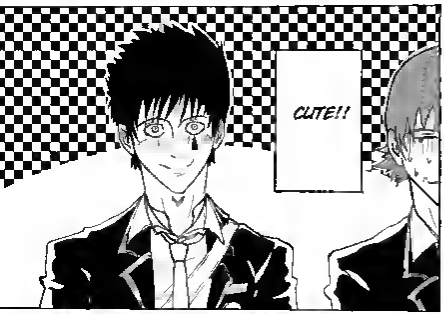
SHUT UP!
WHAT ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

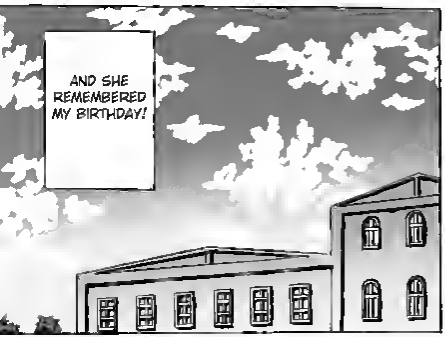

YOU WANT
TO HEAR
IT FROM
HAZEL
RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER
TOLD ANYONE
SO HOW DOES
GUIDO KNOWS
THAT?
AM I TOO
OBVIOUS?
HEY!

HAZEL IS
THE GIRL
I HAVE A
CRUSH ON
UH?

OH, TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, RIGHT PIERROT?
YO, HAZEL!


CUTE!!


AND SHE REMEMBERED MY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
CUTE!!

AFTER THAT, THE THREE OF US WALKED HOME TOGETHER.
THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY GIFT TO YOU. USE IT WELL!
WELL, I GUESS I HAVE TO THANK HIM FOR THAT! THANKS BRO!
GUIDO LEFT FIRST.
HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO.
BUT WITHOUT GUIDO THE ATMOSPHERE IS A LITTLE AWKWARD ...
I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING ..
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO GRADUATE IN A MONTH ...
THEN WE WENT TO THE TRAIN STATION AS USUAL..
HAZEL, GUIDO AND ME ALWAYS TAKE THE SAME TRAIN

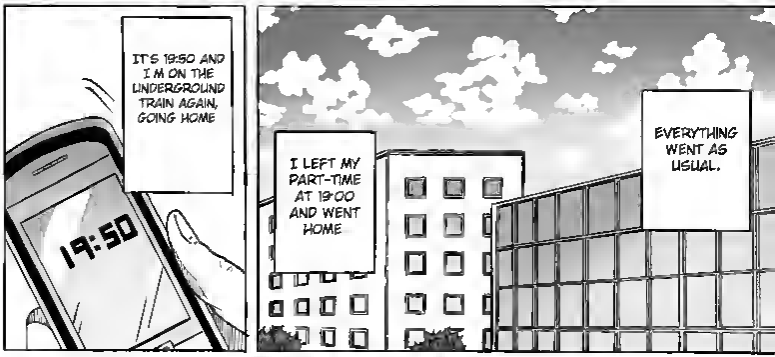
SO, DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO STUDY?
THAT REMINDS ME I'M STILL NOT SURE WHICH UNIVERSITY I'M GOING TO APPLY. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WANT TO STUDY.
I WANT TO BE AN ARCHEOLOGIST.
THAT SHOCKED ME.
I'M PROBABLY GOING TO STUDY ABROAD.
ABROAD?
WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT ...
AND ALL GOOD ARCHEOLOGY UNIVERSITIES ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY SO ...

I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON!
THEN YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER YOUR DREAMS.
I COULDN'T SAY MORE THAN THAT ABOUT HER STUDYING ABROAD.
I KNEW VERY WELL THIS IS THE STATION SHE LEAVES, I KNOW HER AND GUIDO SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER ALL.
AH, I HAVE TO LEAVE HERE!
YEAH, GOOD BYE!
GOOD BYE, PIERROT!

U-UH?!?!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY PIERROT!
WELL, BYE!

W-WAIT HAZEL!
HAZEL ...
I COULDN'T SAY IT ...
SHE LEFT BEFORE I COULD SAY ANYTHING ...

BUT JUST THINKING ABOUT THE KISS HAZEL GAVE ME MAKES MY MOOD TURN BRIGHTER
NORMALLY IT WOULD BE REALLY DEPRESSING TO WORK ON MY BIRTHDAY.
THEN AFTER CHANGING CLOTHES AT HOME I WENT TO MY PART-TIME JOB AS USUAL.


IT'S 19:50 AND I'M ON THE UNDERGROUND TRAIN AGAIN, GOING HOME
19:50
I LEFT MY PART-TIME AT 19:00 AND WENT HOME
EVERYTHING WENT AS USUAL.

THOUGH I DON'T FEEL LIKE ONE AT ALL
20 MINUTES TO BE LEGALLY AN ADULT.
ONLY 20 MINUTES UNTIL MY BIRTHDAY.

I THINK TURNING INTO AN ADULT MEANS TO LET GO YOUR CHILDISH VIEW OF THE WORLD
...
I DON'T THINK I M READY FOR THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY
SOME THUGS PICKING ON A KID AROUND 13 YEARS OLD
THIS IS NOTHING NEW.
LEAVE ME ALONE!
I DON T THINK I M READY FOR THAT ..
PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THIS PROBLEMS ALL THE TIME ON TV AND SCHOOL AND HOW WE HAVE TO STOP IT.
THE STRONGER HAVE ALWAYS WALKED OVER THE WEAKER
AND OUR SOCIETY IS NO DIFFERENT
BUT THAT'S ALL HYPOCRISY. IN REALITY NO ONE GIVES A DAMN IF IT DOESN'T AFFECT THEM.

THEY JUST LOOK AWAY AND PRETEND NOTHING'S HAPPENING.
AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON TRIES TO HELP THIS KID.
THERE ARE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE IN THIS TRAIN.
I HAVE A WEAK PERSONALITY AND I'M TOO COWARD TO STAND FOR WHAT I BELIEVE.
BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT AN HYPOCRITE, I KNOW I CAN'T DO SUCH AN HEROIC ACT.
AND OF COURSE THAT ALSO APPLIES TO ME.
OH WHAT'S THIS? ARE YOU RELIGIOUS? HAHA
I'M JUST ...
... A NORMAL GUY

WHAA !!
GIVE IT BACK!!
YOU LITTLE BRAT ...
YOU CAN'T TOUCH THIS!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TO KICK ME!!!

WOW, THAT WAS A GOOD PUNCH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BEING SO COCKY.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING I'M SORRY ...
"COUGH"
"COUGH"
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING

I'M JUST AS WEAK AND COWARD AS EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS TRAIN.
... I'M JUST A NORMAL PERSON ...
I'M SORRY ...
P-PLEASE GIVE IT BACK, IT'S A MEMENTO FROM MY GRANDPA!
ALL THE LIES AND MASKS WE PUT ON, ALL OF THAT FALLS WHEN THE MOMENT TO ACT COMES
OH, SO YOU REALLY WANT THIS BACK UH?
THIS IS THE REAL FACE OF OUR SOCIETY.
AHAHAHAHA!!
EVERYONE CARES ONLY ABOUT THEMSELVES

ALL THE STUFF WE SEE ON TV, MOVIES OR BOOKS IS A BUNCH OF CRAP.
IN REALITY NO ONE WILL EVER HELP YOU.

REALITY ISN'T LIKE FICTION. PEOPLE WON'T CARE ABOUT YOU AND THERE WILL BE NO HERO TO SAVE YOU.
HAHAHAHAHA!!
THAT'S HOW DISGUSTING REALITY AND HUMANITY IS.
AND OF COURSE ...
I'M NO DIFFERENT.

AND THAT'S WHAT I HATE THE MOST ABOUT ME.

B-BOSS!!!

DO YOU WANT TO DIE??
ARE YOU CRAZY?
THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED WITH ME AT ALL.
I REMEMBERED HOW IN FICTION THE PROTAGONIST ALWAYS SAYS SOMETHING LIKE "MY BODY MOVED ON TS OWN".
MY BODY IS TREMBLING SO MUCH, ITS REALLY DIFFICULT TO MOVE IT.
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE YOU IDIOT?

WHO AM I?
I M ALREADY SCREWED ...
JUST A PIERROT
GET HIM!!
SO, AT LEAST LET ME GET SCREWED IN A COOL WAY

I'M SICK OF WATCHING IDIOTS LIKE THESE HUMILIATING OTHER PEOPLE
I'M SICK ...
BEAT HIM SOME MORE!!
JUST THIS ONE TIME ...
JUST THIS ONCE ...
... I WANT TO MAKE THEM PAY!

YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS!
BOSS!!

AS SOON AS IT STOPS I'LL CALL SECURITY AND THIS IS OVER.
PANT
THE TRAIN IS ALMOST STOPPING.
PANT
PANT
W-WAIT, WE ARE OVER DOING IT, I THINK THERE ARE CAMERAS IN HERE!
LIKE I CARE!!
NOW I'M REALLY PISSED ...
N-NO!

GO TO HELL!!!

WE'RE SCREWED, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT THE HELL!
ARE YOU OKAY??
Y-YEAH, I'M FI-

THIS ISN'T HAPPENING ...
... IT HURTS TOO MUCH.
I CAN'T EVEN STAND ...
... AM I GOING TO DIE?

JUST RUN FOR IT!
WE'RE SCREWED!!
UH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
W-WHAT THE HELL?!
SOMEONE PLEASE CALL AN AMBULANCE!!
UH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
AN INJURED PERSON??
STOP THE TRAIN AND CALL AN AMBULANCE, THERE'S AN INJURED PERSON HERE!!

YOU ARE INJURED BECAUSE OF ME!
UH?
I'M SORRY!
WELL, OF COURSE I WANTED TO HELP YOU TOO ...
... BUT
YOU GOT IT WRONG.
I THINK THE MAIN REASON I DEFENDED YOU WAS BECAUSE I COULDN'T STAND BEING THE COWARD WHO DOES NOTHING
I WAS FIGHTING FOR MYSELF ...

... I DID SOMETHING I REALLY WANTED TO, INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT I'M TOLD TO.
... I FEEL LIKE ...
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME OF MY LIFE ...
... I FEEL LIKE I'M REALLY LIVING MY LIFE.
FOR THE FIRST TIME ...
GUIDO?
PIERROT !!
C-CALM DOWN!

GUIDO AND SOME CLASSMATES OF MINE ARE HERE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY PIERROT
I GUESS GUIDO CONVINCED THEM TO MAKE SOME KIND OF SURPRISE PARTY.
SO THAT'S WHY THAT BASTARD ASKED ME WHAT TIME I WAS LEAVING MY PART-TIME
HAZEL ...
I DON T WANT TO SEE THAT EXPRESSION ON HAZEL S FACE ...

...
EVER AGAIN.
WHAT TIME IS IT?
DON'T WORRY, HELP IS ALMOST HERE!
UH?
...
I SEE
20:15
I-IT'S 20:15
PLEASE, TELL ME WHAT TIME IS IT
...

THEN
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...
I'M AN
ADULT NOW.

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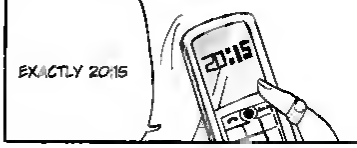
I LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
MY NAME? WHO CARES? I'M A COMPLETELY NORMAL, BORING PERSON.
YOU WOULD PROBABLY FORGET RIGHT AFTER I TELL YOU ANYWAY...
I'M HERE TO MEET A FRIEND I MEET FIVE YEARS AGO
SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT MY NAME?

PRETTY COOL, RIGHT?
I THINK IT FITS HIM.
HE WAS CALLED PIERROT BECAUSE OF THE MOLE HE HAD BELOW HIS LEFT EYE.
I GUESS I FELT SO GUILTY I COULDN'T FACE HIM.
I DON'T VISIT HIM SINCE THAT DAY, FIVE YEARS AGO.
YO, PIERROT.

YOU KNOW, I'VE CHANGED QUITE A BIT IN THESE FIVE YEARS
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME BUT ...
WELL, TO TELL THE TRUTH I COMPLETELY CHANGED.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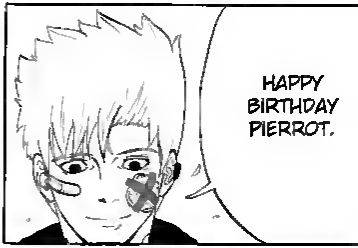
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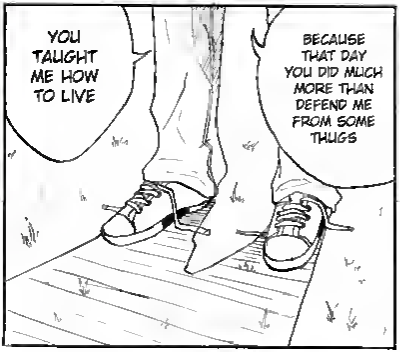
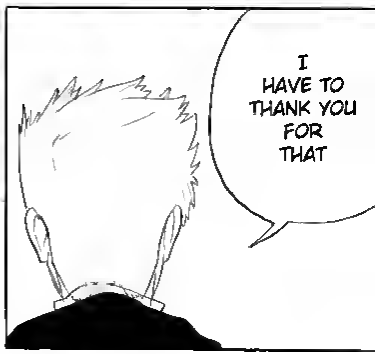

YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO LIVE
BECAUSE THAT DAY YOU DID MUCH MORE THAN DEFEND ME FROM SOME THUGS


I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT

WHAT THE HELL AM I CRYING FOR ...

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU SAID THAT DAY ...

YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN IN SOME FIGHTS, BUT NOTHING TOO SERIOUS, REALLY
BUT THESE BANDAGES MAKE ME LOOK KIND OF COOL, RIGHT?
OUCH! I'M BRUISED EVERYWHERE
OF COURSE I HAD TO DO SOMETHING, EVEN THOUGH I WAS SCARED, I ADMIT THAT
SERIOUSLY, SHE WAS EVEN CRYING
LIKE THIS MORNING, THERE WERE THREE IDIOTS SCREWING WITH A GIRL
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT
MY MOM SAYS, THAT IF I CONTINUE LIKE THIS, I'LL END UP LIKE YOU ...

EVEN IF I'M AFRAID TO DEATH, I SWEAR I'LL NEVER CLOSE MY EYES TO SOMEONE IN TROUBLE THAT'S WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME!
SO BE IT! I WOULD RATHER DIE FOR WHAT I BELIEVE, THAN LIVING AS SOMEONE WHO CLOSES HIS EYES WHILE SOMEONE IS SUFFERING!
SO, REMEMBER THIS GUY'S NAME INSTEAD OF MINE
HE IS THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE REMEMBERED
MY NAME ISN'T EVEN INTERESTING.
THANK YOU PIERROT!

BECAUSE OF THIS TATTOO I HAVE BELLOW MY LEFT EYE.
BUT I HAVE A NICKNAME
IT'S A COMPLETELY NORMAL AND BORING NAME
AND BECAUSE OF IT EVERYONE STARTED TO CALL ME
IT'S A TEAR SHAPED TATTOO.
...
THE LAST PIERROT